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**Amendment**

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6682

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING SITING COUNCIL REVIEW OF  
UNDERGROUND OR UNDERWATER ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION  
LINES, RESTRICTIONS ON THE INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN  
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
A MUNICIPAL PARTICIPATION ACCOUNT."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 16-50p of the general statutes is  
4 amended by adding subdivision (3) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

5 (NEW) (3) Any application for an electric transmission line with a  
6 capacity of three hundred forty-five kilovolts or more that is filed on or  
7 after May 1, 2003, and that proposes the underground burial of such  
8 line in all residential areas and overhead installation of such line in  
9 industrial and open space areas affected by such proposal shall have a  
10 rebuttable presumption of meeting a public benefit for such facility if

11 the facility is substantially underground, and meeting a public need  
 12 for such facility if the facility is substantially above ground. Such  
 13 presumption may be overcome by evidence submitted by a party or  
 14 intervenor to the satisfaction of the council.

15 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of  
 16 Agriculture shall assess the owner of any utility line or public use  
 17 structure that requires approval pursuant to section 16-50k of the  
 18 general statutes, or by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and  
 19 crosses any grounds of Long Island Sound within the jurisdiction of  
 20 the state, including, but not limited to, any shellfish area or leased,  
 21 designated or granted grounds which line or public use structure is  
 22 installed on or after the effective date of this section, an annual host  
 23 payment fee of fifteen dollars per linear foot for the length of such line  
 24 or structure within the jurisdiction of the state, the proceeds of which  
 25 shall be used for the restoration and seeding of shellfish beds in the  
 26 state including, but not limited to, grants for the restoration and  
 27 seeding of shellfish beds in the state. The commissioner may adopt  
 28 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the  
 29 general statutes, concerning the requirements and application  
 30 procedures for such grants. For purposes of this section "installed"  
 31 shall not include the repair or replacement of any facility provided  
 32 such repair or replacement does not result in more than a ten per cent  
 33 increase in the capacity of such facility."

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| This act shall take effect as follows: |                     |
| Section 1                              | <i>from passage</i> |
| Sec. 2                                 | <i>from passage</i> |